

Breakthrough Board Meeting
MINUTES
October 17, 2019

In attendance:

Keith Whitescarver, Chair
Sara Suchman, Secretary
Bonnie Gallion, SHA rep, ex-officio
Rachel Kimboko
Allison Jones, guest
Hannah Richardson, DCI, ex-officio, nonvoting
Kat Park, guest
Drew Archer, EdOps
David Bagnoli
Katie Brown

Meeting brought to order: 5:06pm

David Bagnoli: Motion to approve the August minutes

Keith Whitescarver: Seconded.

All present at the time of the vote (6 board members) voted to approve.

Executive Director's report by Acting ED, Hannah Richardson:

Classrooms, teachers, and students:

- With the addition of new primary classrooms that opened this year, Breakthrough now has 9 classrooms total open.
- Staffing
- Hannah coaching Primary; Allison coaching elementary
- 38 staff members; looking at 40 - 41 when some aides/assistants hired
- AmericaCorps intern so that will help with substitute coverage costs
- Students
- 18 students with IEPs; lower ELL #s than last year.
- Enrollment is now 225 students, which is great.

PMF:

- PMF--will be released to the community at large on October 28. Moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2. Largely because of NWEA scores up.
- Testing so far this year is looking on track for what is expected. First round of testing looks similar to last year's first round of testing.

Extended Day Programming:

- Numbers are lower than expected between both campuses. Cost went from \$14 to \$16. Not sure if low enrollment is due to cost or other. Will look into looking into why the number is lower. 100 instead of expected 180.

Facilities:

- Leased greenspace at the end of the block, got it landscaped and fenced. Children will start using it on Monday. 90 day notice for Douglas Development to take it back.
- Phase 1 Design work underway on the Takoma Playspace. Parent meetings, etc. Moving on track.

Financials:

- Indicators are much better than at this time last year. So lenders will be happy.

Votes to approve expenditures that exceed 10K:

- Sara Motion; Katie second--Board approves lease amendment with Douglass Development to amend our lease with them for the additional Greenspace for \$20K/year. (all 6 present voted to approve)
- Sara Motion; Katie seconded--Board approves Level Green Landscaping \$16,870 for landscaping and fencing around the additional Greenspace. (all 6 present vote to approve)

School Safety Omnibus Bill of 2018:

- Have done due diligence and submitted all information to SureHire for background checks.

6:15 Keith Motion to adjourn, Sara seconded, all present approved.